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Proposed Regulation, R50-130

1. This proposed regulation sounds very much like a case of trying to make something out of nothing.

2. Paragraph 3 tells us that our finished intelligence publications must be "properly coordinated and integrated with other finished intelligence publications issued by both CIA and other intelligence agencies...." This could mean a lot or little. It could mean, for example, that every word of every paper must be reviewed and approved by all IAC agencies before publication. It probably isn't intended to mean this, but the paragraph certainly doesn't announce very clearly what its intention is.

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3. [REDACTED] shop is usually a source of sound advice on almost any subject involving other elements of the US Government, but the proviso in paragraph 5 that charges his office with the making of decisions about new categories and proper categories for proposed publications would put OIC into an unusual operating role if it were applied literally to the day-to-day problems that arise in this field.

4. The last paragraph says that if "finished intelligence cannot be published in one of the official categories for security or other reasons" the originating office can decide whether or not to file the paper in OGD, but it says nothing about publishing the paper in some way, other than the official categories, that would be appropriate to the security (or other) problem.

5. In summary, I do not see that the proposed regulation says much that is useful, and it does say some things that are, at best, unclear.

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